

REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, AUDITORS

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF CANTERBURY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1860.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Whole amount committed to the Collector,	\$4,448.02
The Collector has discharged himself as follows :	
Paid State Treasurer,	\$359.74
County Treasurer,	802.71
Town Treasurer,	2,995.69
Nonresident receipts,	36.44
Sundry abatements,	16.71
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Amount due from collector,	\$236.73
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Whole amount of money and receipts received by the Treasurer,	\$5,796.49
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The Treasurer discharges himself as follows :

Whole amount paid out,	4,990.08
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Remaining in the treasury,	<hr style="width: 100px; margin: 0;"/> \$806.41
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RECEIPTS.

Received of True K. Mason, collector for 1858,	\$469.43
of Joseph G. Clough, Treasurer,	786.22
Nathaniel Wiggin, Liquor Agent,	29.73
of David Morrill, Jr., money hired,	100.00
of State Treasurer, literary money,	114.52
of State Treasurer, railroad money,	76.22
of David Morrill, Jr., overseer of the poor, 1858,	1.59
James H. Herrick, collector, 1859,	2,995.69
Joseph M. Foster, overseer of the poor,	7.40
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EXPENDITURES.

School Money.

District No. 1,	\$174.61	
2,	91.25	
3,	89.61	
4,	136.95	
5,	93.57	
6,	135.81	
7,	182.83	
8,	148.01	
9,	31.33	
10,	56.23	
11,	36.03	
13,	64.85	
Paid Benjamin F. Neal for District No. 7, in London,	8.14	
	<hr/>	1,249.22

School Commissioner.

Paid George W. Gardner,	\$20.56
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Stationery.

Paid J. A. Merriam,	4.72	
G. Parker Lyon,	1.12	
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Professional Services.

Paid T. L. Weeks, medical attendance,	6.00	
Rolfe & Marshal,	25.25	
William H. Currier,	7.25	
M. W. Tappan,	6.00	
	<hr/>	\$44.50

Roads and Bridges.

Paid J. M. Foster, for repairing bridge in Dis- trict No. 12,	8.26	
Russell Hodgeden District No. 11,	8.34	
J. A. Moores, District No. 1,	130.63	

C. & J. C. Gage, for rubble around pier at Fisherville Bridge, plank and use of derrick,	43.18	
Levi Bennett, for railing bridge,	2.00	
E. Osgood, for bridge plank,	10.12	
Town of Boscawen, for rubbing at Bos- cawen Bridge,	48.31	
Samuel Morrill, for plank and labor on the hollow route road,	14.58	
Letrivett Boice, for snowing bridge and getting logs from pier,	10.50	
	<hr/>	\$275.92

Bills Payable.

Paid David Morrill, Jr., note,	\$214.91	
John Lyford, note,	205.79	
David Morrill, Jr., note,	101.37	
Laroy F. Morse, note,	12.10	
J. B. Foster, note,	428.02	
Charles H. Chase, on note,	395.73	
	<hr/>	1,357.92

Incidental Expenditures.

Paid Execution of D. M. Clough,	\$46.16	
× J. M. Foster, overseer of the poor, for the support of paupers,	290.00	
J. E. White, for inventory book,	7.00	
L. T. Weeks, for returning births and deaths,	2.20	
G. Parker Lyon, for record books,	7.50	
Moses P. Sargent for damages for his wife being thrown from bridge,	150.00	
Town of Boscawen, for support and bur- ial of William Glines,	23.50	
John A. Colburn, for robe and coffin for William Glines,	6.00	
S. N. Morrill, for damages on sleigh,	2.00	
T. L. Whidden, for repairs on Town House,	2.33	
	<hr/>	\$536.69
State tax,		359.80
County tax,		802.74

Town Officers.

Paid Josiah E. White, for services as Town Clerk,	\$20.00
Howard Moody, for services as Town Clerk,	5.39
James H. Herrick, for poundage,	55.60
Superintending School Committee,	34.00
Jacob C. Whidden, for services,	56.75
Enoch E. Pickard, for services,	30.00
John A. Moores, for services,	36.00
	<hr/> \$237.74

RECAPITULATION.

Paid School Districts,	\$1,249.22
School Commissioner,	20.56
Stationery,	5.84
Professional services,	44.50
Roads and Bridges,	275.92
Bills payable,	1,357.92
Incidental expenses,	536.69
State tax,	359.80
County tax,	802.74
Sundry abatements,	16.71
Nonresident Highway receipts,	36.44
Superintending school committee,	34.00
Collection of taxes,	55.60
Services of the selectmen and their expenses,	159.75
Town Treasurer,	8.00
Town clerk service,	25.39
	<hr/> 4,989.08

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN TO MARCH 1, 1860.

Darius Small, note, including interest,	\$988.31
Samuel Bailey, " " "	594.80
Polly Ham, " " "	94.63
Polly and Jane Haines, note, including interest,	328.24
Samuel M. Thompson, note, including interest,	232.32
Jonathan Randall, " " "	226.47
Laroy F. Morse, " " "	92.04
Frances Morrill, " " "	574.44
Charles H. Chase, " " "	421.00
	<hr/> 3,552.25

Due on James H. Herrick's collection,	236.75	
Amount in the Treasury,	807.41	
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Liabilities of the town,	\$3,552.25	
Money on hand,	1,044.16	
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Indebtedness of the town,	2,508.09	
Literary fund,	1,187.24	
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Auditors' Report.

The undersigned, Auditors for the year ending March 1, 1860, have attended to the duty assigned them, and have found the accounts of the selectmen and acting treasurer well vouched and correctly cast.

JOSEPH HAM, }
 JAMES S. ELKINS, } Auditors.

INVENTORY OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY
 AT THE TOWN FARM.

Farm, 170 acres,	2,000.00
1 pair oxen,	125.00
1 pair three years old steers,	65.00
3 2 years old steers,	54.00
2 2 years old heifers,	40.00
2 1 year old steers,	24.00
1 1 year old heifer,	7.00
4 cows,	100.00
6 sheep,	18.00
2 shotes,	28.00
43 bushels corn,	43.00
4 bushels rye,	4.00
4½ bushels barley,	3.73
1½ bushel oats,	.75
12 bushels beans, at \$1.75,	21.00
3 bushels rye and Indian meal,	3.00
240 pounds cheese, at 11 cents,	26.40

87 pounds ham, at 12 cents,	10.44
85 pounds butter, at 20 cents,	17.00
75 pounds lard, at 12 cents,	9.00
225 pounds pork, at 12½ cents,	28.12
175 pounds beef, at 6 cents,	10.50
6 pounds rice, at 5 cents,	.30
6 pounds coffee, at 14 cents,	.84
13 pounds sugar, at 10½ cents,	1.36
2 pounds tea, at 50 cents,	1.00
24 gallons vinegar,	4.00
75 bushels potatoes, at 30 cents,	22.50
16 pounds candles and tallow, at 14 cents,	2.24
3 dozen eggs, at 17 cents,	.51
14 hens, at 34 cents,	4.76
1½ barrel flour,	11.50
8 tons meadow hay, at \$5 per ton,	44.00
18 tons market hay, at \$12 per ton,	216.00
1 gallon molasses,	.38
15 gallons soap, at 12½,	1.87
Oils and paint,	1.00
Sheet lead,	.54
9 baskets,	2.00
30 dry casks,	3.00
1 pair wheels and carts,	15.00
3 plows,	11.00
1 harrow,	5.00
1 iron bar,	.75
1 sled,	1.00
6 chains,	4.25
5 axes,	2.50
2 shovels,	.75
4 hoes,	.75
3 manure forks,	.25
3 scythe snaiths,	1.00
Scythes,	.88
2 wood saws,	1.00
1 hand saw,	.25
2 augers,	.25
1 square,	.25
3 hammers,	.50
3 hay forks,	1.00
1 set wooden measures,	1.00
7 tables,	3.00
26 chairs,	4.00
12 bedsteads,	10.00

4 cases draws,	4.00
1 churn,	1.50
7 tubs,	2.50
4 tin pails,	1.00
4 wooden pails,	.50
2 trays,	.50
1 cheese press,	1.50
1 curd grinder,	.75
3 cheese hoops,	2.00
1 cheese safe,	4.00
1 bread trough,	.50
1 paring machine,	.75
1 coffee mill,	.25
1 apple sauce barrel,	.75
2 pickle barrels,	.50
2 cider barrels,	1.00
1 vinegar barrel,	.50
4 meat barrels,	2.00
6 jugs,	1.50
3 rakes,	.37
12 soup dishes,	.60
3 sugar bowls,	.40
23 saucers,	.40
23 cups,	.50
1 bread knife,	.37
34 spoons,	1.36
1 chopping knife,	.25
2 iron bread pans,	.50
Plaster,	.85
1 cook stove and furniture,	18.00
2 box stoves,	5.00
Knives and forks,	2.00
7 chambers,	.75
3 lamps,	1.75
3 nappies,	.50
14 bowls,	2.12
9 tumblers,	.63
3 looking glasses,	.75
1 time-piece,	2.50
5 tea pots,	.60
6 pitchers,	1.75
Tin ware,	6.50
7 candle sticks,	.70
2 stone pots,	1.33
55 plates,	3.50

For tallow	1.10	
board	8.00	
cash	2.90	
	<hr/>	\$518.25

Received for aid furnished paupers belonging to other towns.

Town of Hill for Barach H. Cass and family	14.34	
Town of Northfield for Barach H. Cass and family,	13.27	
Town of Grantham for Lydia Marsh	39.00	
Received of the County	415.34	
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Aid to County paupers away from farm.

Sophia Robinson and family	34.26	
Laura A. Robinson and family	6.11	
Phineas Danforth and wife	31.96	
William Haskell and wife	16.75	
Mary R. Haskell	5.25	
	<hr/>	\$94.33

Aid to paupers belonging to other towns.

Barach H. Cass and family	28.61	
Lydia Marsh	39.00	
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Aid to town paupers away from farm.

John Burdeen and wife	42.47	
Martha and Lucy Burdeen	14.50	
Reuben Moore, residing in Salisbury	64.00	
John Glover	22.06	
Susan Lowe, residing in Pittsfield	19.12	
Gordon S. Ingalls	39.00	
Amos Brown	15.75	
William Glines, residing in Boscawen	29.50	
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		408.34

Expenditures at Town Farm.

For 12 lbs. flour	92.75	
37½ gallons molasses	12.59	
22¾ lbs. tea	12.24	
181 lbs. sugar	18.07	
crackers	2.19	

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1 bushel barley	1.00
7 bushels rye	7.00
1 bushel rye	1.12
1½ bushel buckwheat	1.25
1 quart peas	.17
1 bushel rye	1.00
62½ lbs. fish	4.51
onions	.87
salt	3.28
3 lbs. tobacco	.86
1 quart neats foot oil	.37
1½ gallon kerosene oil	1.65
1 gallon boiled oil	.75
1 quart lamp oil	.25
Japan	.16
paint	.10
starch	.12
33 lbs. coffee	4.69
1 lb. dandelion	.17
20 lbs. veal	.75
25 lbs. beef	2.00
46 lbs. pork	5.72
18 lbs. rice	.93
matches	.15
2 bbls. plaster	3.00
seeds	.15
45 lbs. spikes and nails	2.16
soap	2.94
potash	1.25
2 files	.24
2 combs	.20
butts and screws	.23
door handle	.12
books and stationery	2.71
lumber	4.64
liquor	1.62
sheet lead	.70
2 pigs	4.00
earthen ware	1.16
wooden ware	2.23
57 lbs. palmleaf	7.00
4 graves	10.00
4 shrouds	6.67
saw-bill	27.94
1 axe	1.00

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4 axe-handles	.62
blacksmith bill	7.43
shoemaking bill	12.26
13 lbs. saleratus	1.01
nutmeg	1.00
cream tarter	.45
ginger	.12
mustard	.17
extract of lemon	.20
pepper	.28
cloves	.06
raisins	.70
cassia	.71
pimento	.18
saltpetre	.16
yarn thread and wicking	2.85
materials for coffins	5.39
medical services	8.75
liniment	.25
peppermint	.13
anguintum	.25
sulphur	.10
camphor gum	.05
truss,	1.50
tin ware	6.79
plow points	.61
3 locks	.48
grass seed	4.51
2 bed ropes	.79
stove blacking	.06
tacks	.11
postage	.75
pins, needles, and hooks and eyes	.44
buttons	.38
3 thimbles	.09
stove kettle	1.00
1 pair pants	1.00
1 collar	.25
1 pair stockings	.17
2 pairs mittens	1.42
1 pair drawers	.92
labor at farm	71.08
bull service	2.00
expenses away from farm	2.80
lamp globes	.34

cash tax	15.91
1 bread knife	.37
glass and putty	.08
3 hoes	1.72
3 rakes	.90
3 scythes and rifle	.96
fish hook and lines	.10
oxbows	1.00
2 chains	1.93
filig saws	.50
repairing clock and umbrellas	.59
60 bricks	.31
3 barrels apples	6.00
1 lb. grafting wax	.25
2 gallons vinegar	2.75
hooping	1.09
lime and hair	1.12
chain pump	1.63
2 cattle ties	.67
pasturing	10.00
1 pair oxen	112.00
1 steer	15.50
6 sheep	13.50
evidence in pauper cases	4.50
returning pauper to farm	1.00
horse hire	37.64
27½ yards drilling	3.82
16 yards cambric	1.64
53½ yards print	5.22
113½ yards sheeting	10.85
2 cheese cloths	.66
7 lbs. batting	.80
12 yards delaine	3.00
dress trimmings	.62
1½ yard gingham	.19
13 yards cotton flannel	1.66
10 yards ticking	1.67
6 yards crash	.60
oysters	.50
work at farm	.50
overseer's salary	250.00

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REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DISTRICT No. 1. *Summer Term.* Taught by Miss Mary L. Batchelder, who succeeded quite well. Not quite so much energy and ambition was manifested as we find in our first rate schools, yet pretty good progress was made in most of the branches taught; and the school showed, at the close, that the teacher had spared no effort to have her scholars understand all they went over. Excellent order was observed.

Winter Term. Taught by Mr. J. K. Hayward, who is an active and efficient teacher; very prompt and decided in enforcing the laws of the school-room. He teaches his pupils to think. Abundant evidence was furnished in the school that the work of education was really going on; the minds of the children were actually in process of training. The exercises in reading and arithmetic were highly satisfactory; indeed, every thing connected with the school indicated the presence of an accurate and thorough instructor.

DISTRICT No. 2. *Summer Term.* Taught by Miss Helen M. Ayers. This was the teacher's first school. Her literary qualifications are good, and with more experience, we doubt not she will become what she so earnestly desires to be—a good teacher.

Winter Term. Instructed by Mr. J. C. Bennett. We can not expect the water to rise higher than the fountain. The teacher's literary attainments are not of a high order—consequently we could not expect to find any very elevated standard of excellence in the school. The order was pretty good, and some progress was made.

DISTRICT No. 3. *Summer Term.* Taught by Miss H. Jennie Ayers. This is a small school, and composed of small scholars; yet the teacher succeeded in exciting an interest, and training them to habits of order and studious attention. She evidently devoted herself entirely to her task, and succeeded well.

Winter Term. Mr. David E. Bradley, instructor. This was his first attempt at teaching, yet, by his quiet and systematic course, he gained the confidence of his pupils, who made excellent progress under his thorough instruction. Mr. Bradley justly merits the confidence of all true friends of education.

DISTRICT No. 4. *Summer Term.* Taught by Miss Eliza T. Moore. We can not speak so favorably of this school as we could wish. The teacher, although having the requisite qualifications, and some experience, seemed to lack in energy and aptness to teach. It can not be expected that scholars will show a higher degree of enthusiasm in learning than the teacher in imparting knowledge. Some improvement was made, yet there was too much hesitation—the scholars not being quite sure they were right. Order was rather poor.

Winter Term. Instructed by Mr. Edward H. Sanders. We have found a quiet, yet firm and steady discipline—a government based on the foundation of self-control, and a sincere interest in his pupils' welfare, and a desire to advance their moral as well as intellectual good. The closing exercises were very creditable, showing that both teacher and scholars had done their duty.

DISTRICT No. 5. *Summer Term.* Taught by Miss R. P. Chase. The order of the school was tolerably good. The recitations evinced some progress; yet there was not quite so thorough an acquaintance with the first principles as would be desirable. If more attention had been given to the whys and wherefores, and less to ceremony, it would have been better. The interest manifested by the scholar is a pretty sure index of a school.

Winter Term. Miss Almeda M. Forest, Teacher. We are not able to report so much progress here as the former good character of the school demands. The teacher evidently lacked energy, and failed in governing the school, which, coupled with prejudice against the teacher before the school began, and not being supported by the parents, it was rather up hill work. What the scholar wishes to have the school, so it is. If parents and pupils coöperate with the teacher, we may safely conclude the school will be a successful one; if not, but little true progress will be made.

DISTRICT No. 6. *Summer Term.* Taught by Miss Mary Flint. This was decidedly a good school; first rate order was maintained with very little effort on the part of the teacher. The first princi-

ples of the several studies attended to were thoroughly understood and explained. The illustrations upon the blackboard were very clear and plain. The classes in reading showed, by their clear enunciation and correct pronunciation, that they had been well drilled in the elementary principles. Equally good improvement was made in the other branches.

Winter Term. This school was under the charge of your committee, consequently it will not become me to say much respecting it. But in justice to the scholars, would remark, that they have at all times taken a good degree of interest in their studies, and adopted a course of conduct highly creditable to themselves, and honorable to their teacher. This school contains some advanced scholars, one class going through Davies' Algebra and Greenleaf's National Arithmetic.

DISTRICT No. 7. *Summer Term.* Instructed by Miss Mary E. Clough. Miss Clough is a mild, gentle, but well qualified and hard working teacher. We believe she labored faithfully to secure a high standard of order and good government, and if the scholars had as ably seconded her efforts, her expectations would have been fully realized. The closing examination was quite satisfactory.

Fall Term. Taught by Miss Sarah A. Clough. In its order there was room for improvement. As order is of so much importance in the school-room, teachers should study how to preserve it, for when once attained, the point of serious difficulty is passed, and both teacher and scholars may go on to perfection. The reading was not of a high order, many reading too low, and failing to articulate distinctly. Fair progress made in other branches.

Winter Term. Taught by Mr. Henry P. Lamprey. During this term the order of the school has been excellent. Order is what we first look for when we enter the school-room. A school well disciplined is generally a school well instructed, and a school well disciplined and well instructed makes encouraging progress. Mr. Lamprey evidently feels the importance of his position as an instructor, and works for the good of his pupils.

DISTRICT No. 8. (Shakers.) *Summer Term.* Taught by Ase-nath C. Stickney and Betsy Kaime. The instruction in this school is characterized by system and thoroughness. The teachers' aim is to have every thing understood—particular attention being given to first principles. Nothing but order and kindness, and right progress was found here. The former high character of the school was fully sustained.

Winter Term. Taught by Mr. James V. Chase. The discipline of this school has been judicious and decided, and the order resulting therefrom has been admirable. There was a quiet movement among all the scholars in taking their places upon the floor, their place at the black-board, going and returning from recess, which favorably impressed us. Mr. Chase is a thorough and experienced instructor, and having had charge of the winter school for several terms, has brought it to a high standard of excellence. The whole appearance of this school evinced what may be done when both teacher and scholars are intent on excelling.

DISTRICT No. 9. There was but one term in this district for the year, which was taught by Miss Sarah S. Mason, who evidently spared no pains with her pupils, and succeeded in keeping a very good school, much better than we should expect in so poor a house.

DISTRICT No. 10. This school, the past year, has been under the charge of Miss Mary G. Burleigh, who gave good satisfaction, the scholars making excellent progress under her instruction. The school house in this district is utterly unfit for school purposes.

DISTRICT No. 11. Taught by Miss Susan A. Clough. This school is small in point of numbers; but in justice to Miss Clough, it may be truly said that she succeeded well. The order was good, and the recitations worthy of praise.

DISTRICT No. 13. *Summer Term.* Instructed by Miss Lizzie S. Moore, who succeeded in winning the affections of the little ones consigned to her charge, thereby securing fair order, and advanced them considerably in their several studies. Map drawing was executed upon the board in fine style.

Winter Term. Mr. George Coffin, instructor. This was his first school; he is well qualified, and gave good satisfaction. At the close, the scholars appeared to have made commendable improvement in their several studies, and their deportment was well spoken of by the teacher who, it is evident, labored very industriously for the good of his school.

GENERAL REMARKS.

From this hasty and necessarily imperfect sketch of the condition of our schools during the past year, a few observations may be drawn, and some suggestions made, relative to the importance of them. It may be well to remark that though our common school system is one of the noblest institutions of the State, it is not self-working. It requires the united, the earnest, the cordial support of all our citizens. Every man, whether rich or poor, learned or unlearned, should feel that there is a moral obligation resting upon him to do all he can to promote the cause of education. Many are apt to think that after we have erected a school-house and placed a teacher therein, our duty ends. But is it so? What man is there among us who would employ a workman and send him into his field or workshop, and there let him labor for three months without once going to see whether he was doing his work in a satisfactory manner. Such an one could not be found. Shall we say, by our conduct, that the cultivation of the immortal mind is of less importance than mere manual labor? It is the duty of every parent to show both teacher and scholars, by his frequent presence in the school, that he is deeply interested in the welfare of the school. Let not any misunderstanding exist between parents and teachers, for it will most surely lead to injurious results, interrupting both the discipline and progress of the school. Countenance no floating reports prejudicial to teachers, but at once seek a personal interview, and in most cases an amicable settlement of all differences can be made. We are happy to report that there has been a good degree of interest manifested in most of the districts, though we fear that in some there has not been that good feeling which is most conducive to the welfare of our scholars. This is wrong. Whatever quarrels there may be in a town, they should never be introduced into our schools. In the management of school affairs, all should be harmony. No party difference should divide us: however much we may disagree in other things, let us unite in

this great common cause, as friends and colaborers. Then, again, a vast responsibility rests upon the teacher. The future mental and moral habits of the scholar depend much upon the influence exerted by the teacher. The mind, in its plastic state, is very susceptible of early impressions; consequently the teacher should be extremely careful what examples he sets before the pupil. We would again refer to the importance of teachers filling up their registers *accurately*. They should bear in mind that they are not entitled to any pay for their services until this requisition is complied with. We hope Prudential Committees will see to it that no teacher is paid until the register is made out and transmitted to the Committee.

Thanking you, fellow-citizens, for your interest in our endeavors to serve you, we respectfully submit our report.

LUTHER SARGENT,

Superintending School Committee of Canterbury.

CANTERBURY, March 13, 1860.

